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11. (SBU) ESTOFF and POLOFF made reftel points on May 18 to MFA Disarmament Affairs Deputy Director General Ignacio Sanchez and MFA Counselor for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Carlos Torres, urging Spain to submit to the Immediate Central Contact their HCOC Annual Declaration (AD) on space and ballistic missile policies. Sanchez replied, a bit sheepishly, that Spain should have submitted its AD by March 30, but that a hold-up in Spain's interagency coordination process caused a delay. Sanchez said the document is currently on his boss' desk and will be signed "next week." Sanchez also told us that he would be attending the HCOC's sixth annual meeting in Vienna at the end of the month.

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